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Via ECF

Honorable Hector Gonzalez
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: *United States v. Russo, et al. (Benjamin Castellazzo)*, 21 Cr. 466 (HG)

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY

Dear Judge Gonzalez:

I represent Mr. Benjamin Castellazzo in the above-referenced matter, having been appointed as counsel pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”), 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, on September 14, 2021.

I am writing to request to withdraw as the attorney of record in this matter. I accepted a judicial appointment that requires me to close my law practice forthwith. I respectfully request to withdraw, along with associate counsel Kestine Thiele. For case continuity and judicial economy, I respectfully request that co-counsel, Michael Marinaccio remain on the case as lead counsel going forward.

I have consulted with Mr. Castellazzo regarding this request and will facilitate the transfer of information to new counsel.

Respectfully requested,



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